

Letter from Mabel Hubbard Bell to Alexander Graham Bell, May 28, 1894, with transcript

Letter from Mrs. Alexander Graham Bell to Dr. Alexander Graham Bell. Twin Oaks, West Washington, D. C. Monday, May 28th (1894) My dear Alec:

I was so glad to hear that you arrived all right in Boston. I can't say that I was especially anxious at your leaving yesterday. If I had been I would have gone with you. But it was a very great disappointment having you go off without spending a night with me here. There were so many things I wanted to talk over with you and Mamma and Papa, which it would have helped me to discuss. In that sense I do think Papa was right and that it was selfish for you to go off. Your work will be with you as long as you live, your friends you may not have long. I realize as I see Mamma and Papa, Grace and Charlie together how little you give me of your time and thoughts, how little willing you are to enter into little things, which yet make up the sum of our lives. There are many more of these little things than you realize, which I cannot decide alone, and I feel as if I were giving more and more to others the dependence for help and advice that should be yours.

It is beautifully cool here today. I went in and shut up the house, then went to a store where I expected to lunch and shop, and sent Perrin home to lunch. After I had done so I found the restaurant there had been discontinued, so there I was hungry and faint, and with no possibility of getting anything for a good hour or two, for it was raining so I couldn't go out. I felt sold. It was nearly five before I got a piece of cake, but it was good and filling. Papa drove me home the new way, and it is lovely, the 2 country is perfection of its kind. I wish we had such trees at Beinn Bhreagh, they are the only things we need.

Mamma's eye is getting along all right, but healing slowly.

Good night my dear, take care of yourself.

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Yours ever, Mabel.